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IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

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Pupil Free Day



JANUARY

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Pupil Free Day

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Prep - Year 12 Students
Commence

FEBRUARY

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Pupil Free Day

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Principal's Report

"Excellence Through Opportunity"

Dear Parents and Friends,

REFLECTION OF 2017

On Tuesday this week we celebrated a successful year and the achievements of our students at Kyabram P-12 College with the Year 6 Awards / Graduation Ceremony and the Year 7 -12 Awards Night. It was also a time to celebrate for our school community, including all staff and I congratulate all staff who have continued to support our students to achieve their potential.

The College Council have played a big role in the further development of the College grounds and we are looking forward, over the Christmas holidays, to the completion of the shade structures in the primary campus and also the completion of the Koori garden at the front entrance to the College. This will see an outdoor classroom created and a central meeting place. The Nestle Agriculture and Sustainability Centre at the College has also seen further development in 2017 and the resources and programs are outstanding. Also new to 2017 was the Student drop off area, which has proved a great success for safety and convenience for students and parents. Thank you College Council for your commitment in 2017.

Thank you to our Parents' Club led by Amelia Kohn for your enthusiasm and support throughout 2017. The Parents' Club are a great team who provide so many great activities for our college community to come together and raise some funds along the way. Those funds are then put back in to the school. Parents' Club have now raised almost \$50 000 to upgrade our hall and the curtains will be replaced over the holidays.

To our College captains for 2017, Sophia Meka and Daniel Walkeden and Vice captains Ellie Burt and Kyle Kydd and also our primary Captains Ella Kightly, Aiden Resul and Vice Captains Steven George and Hayley Poltorasky you all represented the college well and you were terrific. The effort you put in to making this a positive year was enormous. Your preparation for special events was first class and balancing that with your school work and studies was just incredible. I thank you all for representing our college to the highest standard.

Many of our students in Year 12 have found out that they received a score that ensures they will be in their preferred course – and we congratulate them for that. Of those students who did not receive the ATAR score they expected, there are many pathways and we are working with each of those students individually.

Some of our Year 12 students will go on to study at University or TAFE, others have obtained full time positions in our local community, some students will have a GAP year in 2018, whilst others have been successful in obtaining apprenticeships already. Three Year 12 students have already been successful in gaining a traineeship at Kyabram P-12 College in 2018 in the areas of Sport (Rebecca Squires), Education Support (Allana Adams) and Performing Arts (Aporei Owen).

College Principal Report continued ...

I would like to wish all our Year 12 students all the very best in whatever they do next year and in to the future.

As a College we have been recognised at a high level in many different areas, which is our strength "catering for all students". We celebrate individuals and team contributions throughout the year and it is important to reflect and acknowledge these achievements.

Our staff are an amazing group of people that work extremely hard to provide the students with a myriad of opportunities, Thank you to our staff

The Chaplaincy committee with Liz have been great support to our school community in 2017 and this has been appreciated.

We have a number of staff leaving our College and I would like to acknowledge and thank them for their contribution.

Again, I congratulate all recipients of awards and wish the school community a safe and happy Christmas, and New Year. We look forward to 2018 where again we can work together to provide opportunities to achieve excellence.

Stuart Bott
College Principal



Business Manager's Report

Jan Prior

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

The After School Care children have been busy over recent weeks making Christmas decorations and other crafty items. Thank you to our Team, Natasha Harney and Rose Dolcetta for all of their work and fun with the children in 2017.

Our After School Care Program will continue from the first day back to school, Tuesday January 30th and the program will operate daily from 3:20 pm to 5:45 pm. We provide children with a nutritious afternoon tea each day which is both tasty and healthy and we offer a range of games and activities that are fun and educational. Bookings are essential, please phone the College on 5851 2100.

TRAINEES 2017

I would like to thank our 2017 Trainees who will be leaving us at the end of this year. Courtney Parsell has seen a busy year with her work in the College productions in both the primary and secondary campuses. Liam Nedeljkovich has also been a great support to the Sports program across the College, and his organisation skills have been fantastic. We wish all of our Trainees good luck for the future and we look forward to hearing their stories and catching up with them in the years to come.

TRAINEES 2018

Congratulations to Bec Squires who will be taking up the Sports position in 2018; Allana Adams who will be Literacy and Numeracy Trainee and TK Owen who will be the Performing Arts Trainee.

OFFICE HOURS

During the Christmas Vacation period the College Office will be closed and will re-open from Monday January 22nd. For any urgent matters please call 0418 685 046 and your call will be directed to the appropriate person.

Season's Greetings & Best Wishes for 2018

I would like to wish our families a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing break. We look forward to seeing you in 2018.

P-6 Principal Report

Kate Whitford

Well we have come to the last newsletter of the 2017 school year. Thank you to everyone in the school community for your ongoing support of Kyabram P-12 Primary Campus. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful school community and the children definitely benefit from the positive parent and teacher relationships that we have at the school.

GRADE STRUCTURE 2018

After careful consideration, the following class structure and teachers have been decided for 2018. Some teachers will be full-time and some will share classes.

Class Structure	Teachers	Class Structure	Teachers
3 x Prep classes	Aleesha Whitley Kellie Brennan / Courtney Zito Morgan Campbell	4 x 5/6 classes	Greg Ross Claire Bourke Tom Mangan Gina Pearson / Abby Pay
3 x Grade 1 classes	Andrew Nilbett Suzanne Hool Melissa Porch / Anna Fitzgerald	Specialists	Belinda Goff Sue Meeking Kate Baldwin Barb Buckell Sarah Mangan Abby Pettifer
3 x Grade 2 classes	Trish Robbers Claudia Green Linda Clapp		
6 x 3/4 classes	Alice Tindale / Daryll Wegmann Dylan Nexhip Benita Chard / Breanna Hawken Emma Parkinson Chris Oxford / Shelley Leahy Nick Mellington		

STAFF FAREWELLS

We have a number of staff who have gained teaching positions in other primary schools for 2018 or who are retiring – Jerrod Davison, Janine McAuliffe, Luke Holloway, Kerry Burnett and Trish Bradley. On behalf of the school community I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your contribution to our school and wish you the very best for your future endeavors.

LOST PROPERTY

If you are missing or having trouble locating uniform items or lunch boxes/drink bottles please check if it has been handed to Judy at the office or check the lost property corner in the Quadrangle. If not collected these items will be given to charity in the holidays.

YEAR 6

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2016. We wish you all the very best for the next step in your learning journey.

To all families and friends of Kyabram P-12 College, have a wonderful Festive Season, stay safe and make sure you take that all important time for yourself and to enjoy your family. We look forward to seeing everyone back here on Tuesday, 30th January for another exciting year.

7-12 Principal Report

Danny Walsh

YEAR 7 TRANSITION

On Tuesday last week, year 6 students began their Year 7 Flying Start program. Students from Girgarre, Tongala, Lancaster, Tatura, Merrigum, Undera and Kyabram were very excited and keen to see what Secondary school had to offer. After a brief assembly, students followed a timetable of a typical Year 7 student which included subjects such as Physical Education, Maths, English, Humanities, LOTE and Technology. After talking to a number of students, they cannot wait until 2018 to begin Year 7. Thank you to Renee Howell, Leonie Harding and Viv Thomas for all your work in making it such a smooth transition into Year 7 for these students.

THANK YOU

I would also like to personally and wholeheartedly thank all parents, guardians and families for their amazing support throughout 2017. We value the partnerships we have built together during the year and this support makes our role much more enjoyable and effective. The more we work together, the greater the benefit to our students.



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